

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-30 were previously cancelled without prejudice and, in lieu thereof, claims 31 – 58 inserted. The examiner has subsequently restricted the invention to selection of one of three groups under an MPEP § 806.05(h) ELECTION/ RESTRICTION. The applicants have elected Group I claims 31-55 and therefore wish to cancel without prejudice claims 56-58 that are associated with Group II and III restrictions. The examiner further specified that if Group I were selected, applicants were required to elect one of the two species detailed in claims 31-55. Applicants elected the species defined by Figure 27 and wish to cancel claims 41-55 which are readable upon Figure 28 without prejudice. Applicants understand that they may file a Continuation in Part Applications for the matter mater covered in the cancelled claims and that that application will not be adversely impacted through the allowance of a patent on the elected subject matter.

Claims

1 – 30. (Cancelled)

31. (~~CURRENTLY AMENDED~~NEW) A collapsible crib for a small child comprising:

- a. a frame collapsible simultaneously in two directions comprising:
 - i. four sides comprised of two crossed support arms pivotally attached to upper and lower corner brackets,
 - ii. said corner brackets also attached to adjacent crossed support arms,
 - iii. each of said crossed support arms pivotally connected where they intersect each other and being about the same length as all other crossed support arms,
 - iv. said sides being mounted perpendicularly to each other so as to form a box structure that defines an interior cavity surrounded by the four sides,
- b. said crib further comprising a Structure Locking Element, ~~mounted within the interior cavity created by the frame, said Structure Locking Element circumscribing the interior in a continuous manner and offset from the~~ attached to at least one of: all upper corner brackets, or all lower corner brackets ~~with means for connecting the Structure Locking Element to said upper corner brackets or said lower corner brackets,~~
- c. said crib further comprising a liner,
 - i. said liner comprised of a continuous side wall panel made of a flexible material and a bottom panel made of a flexible material,
 - ii. the perimeter of said liner side wall panel being approximately the same length as the Structure Locking Element perimeter,
 - iii. said bottom panel attached contiguously to the lower edge of the side wall panel extending around the collapsible crib's interior,
 - iv. the upper edge of said liner side wall panel attached to at least one of: all corner brackets, the ~~contiguously attached to said Structure Locking Element if the Structure Locking Element is attached to said upper corner brackets otherwise the upper edge of said liner side wall is offset from the upper corner brackets,~~
- d. said crib further including at least two Anti-Collapse Mechanisms to prevent the collapsing of the crib comprising:
 - i. said Anti-Collapse Mechanisms attached to at least two opposing frame corners,
 - ii. said Anti-Collapse Mechanism comprised of a non-expanding material attached vertically between a lower corner bracket and its corresponding upper corner bracket.

32. (~~ORIGINAL~~NEW) A crib as recited in Claims 31 wherein the liner, the Structure Locking Element and the Anti-Collapse Mechanisms are incorporated into a single assembly.

33. (~~ORIGINAL~~NEW) A crib as recited in Claim 31, wherein at least one corner bracket contains an anti-tipping mechanism.
34. (~~ORIGINAL~~NEW) A crib as recited in Claim 31, wherein at least two adjacent corners contain telescoping anti-torque posts.
35. (~~ORIGINAL~~NEW) A crib as recited in Claim 34, wherein caster wheels are mounted on the underside of corner brackets containing telescoping anti-torque posts.
36. (~~CURRENTLY AMENDED~~NEW) A crib as recited in Claim 31, wherein at least two pairs of opposite side crossed support arms are adjustable in length to allow the four ends of each pair of length adjustable cross support arms to extend ~~and~~or retract to a similar length.
37. (~~CURRENTLY AMENDED~~NEW) A portable crib collapsible simultaneously in at least two directions for a small child or animal comprising:
 - a. a collapsible crib frame having at least three sides comprising:
 - i. one pair of crossed support arms per side pivotally connected and being substantially equal length to all other crossed support arm pairs when the crib is in its collapsed position,
 - ii. one end of each crossed arm support is pivotally attached to an upper corner bracket and its opposite end is pivotally attached to a lower corner bracket,
 - iii. the number of upper corner brackets is equal to the number of sides and the number of lower corner brackets is equal to the number of sides and,
 - iv. said corner brackets are oriented such that each corner bracket is attached to crossed support arms from adjacent sides, thus forming an open topped enclosure,
 - ~~b. means to adjust the length of at least one pair of crossed support arms so as to change the overall dimensions of the crib in a manner that will permit the height or perimeter length to remain constant after adjustment,~~
 - ~~e. b. a Structure Locking Element connecting at least one of:~~ all upper corner brackets, all lower corner brackets comprising: a non-expanding, flexible material used to connect each upper corner bracket to its adjacent corner brackets thus connecting and locking in place the upper or lower perimeter of the collapsible frame,
 - ~~d. c. an Anti-Collapse Mechanism and means to easily attach and detach said Anti-Collapse Mechanism from at least one of:~~ the crib's upper corner brackets, ~~or the crib's~~ lower corner brackets during assembly and disassembly of the crib comprising: a non-expanding, flexible material used to connect at least ~~one every other~~ lower corner bracket to its vertically aligned upper corner bracket, and,

- e. ~~d.~~ a liner comprising, a continuous flexible side wall extending around the collapsible crib's interior perimeter.
i. ~~a continuous flexible side wall extending around the collapsible crib's interior perimeter with attachment means to the Structure Locking Element if present,~~
ii. ~~a bottom panel attached contiguously to the lower side wall extending around the collapsible crib's interior.~~
38. ~~(CURRENTLY AMENDED)~~ NEW A portable crib as recited in Claim 37, wherein at least one corner bracket contains an anti-tipping mechanism. A crib as recited in Claim 37, wherein at least one pair of crossed support arms are adjustable in length to allow the ends of each pair of length adjustable cross support arms to extend and retract.
39. ~~(ORIGINAL)~~ NEW The collapsible crib as recited in Claims 37, further including at least two telescoping anti-torque posts each extending between a lower corner bracket and its vertically aligned upper corner bracket.
40. ~~(ORIGINAL)~~ NEW The collapsible crib as recited in Claims 37, further including caster wheels mounted on the bottom side of lower corner brackets with telescoping anti-torque posts attached.

41 – 55 Cancelled

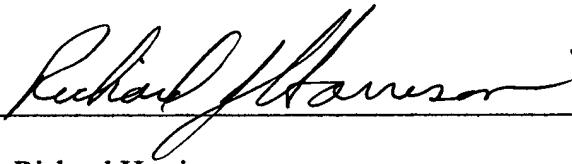
CONCLUSION

Applicants have attempted to reply to Examiner's Office Action in a way which is consistent with the request. Should the Examiner wish to discuss the Amendment, he is requested to call Applicant

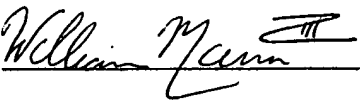
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